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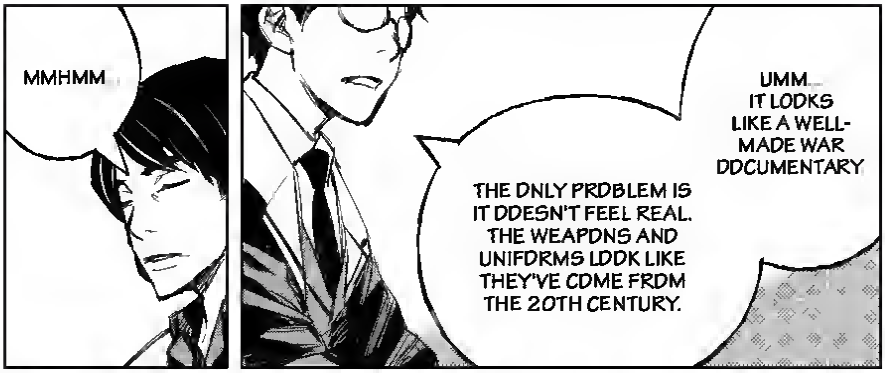
MASAYUKI TAKANO PRESENTS
EPISODE 16:
"WIPED MEMORIES"
THE STUDENTS ARE ENLIGHTENED TO THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT THEIR WORLD!
WHAT DOES EVERYONE THINK ABOUT THIS FILM HERE?
YOU.

THE PREVAILING WISDOM OF THE YEAR 1995 IS TURNED ON ITS HEAD...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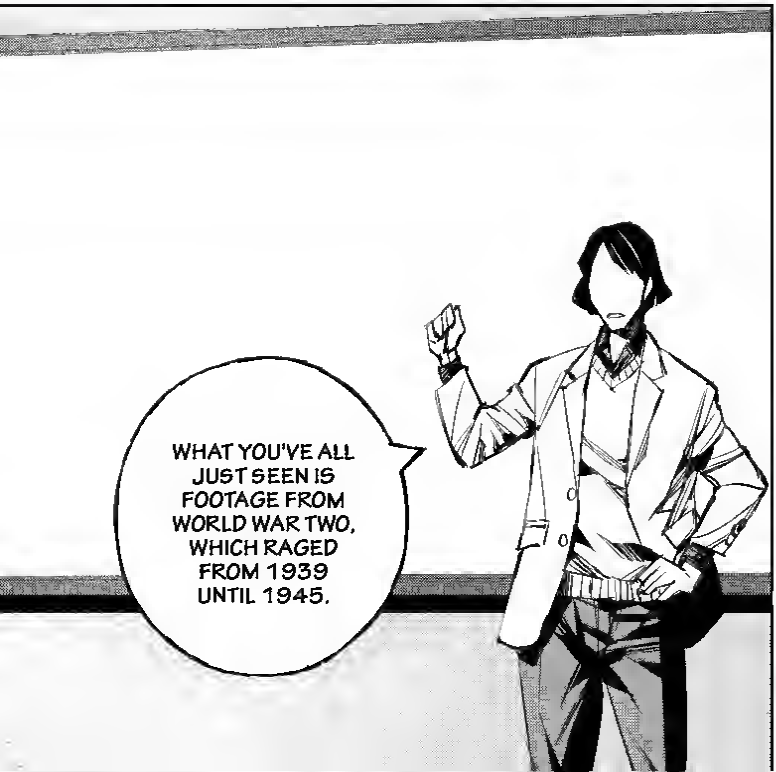
UMM... IT LODKS LIKE A WELL-MADE WAR DDCUMENTARY
THE DNLY PRDBLEM IS IT DDESN'T FEEL REAL. THE WEAPDNS AND UNIFDRMS LDDK LIKE THEY'VE CDME FRDM THE 20TH CENTURY.

UMM...
WELL, IF THIS IS A MOVIE, HE MUST BE AN AMERICAN ACTOR OR COMEDIAN?
THE WAY HE MOVES AND TALKS IS PRETTY FUNNY.

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY ACTOR I'VE EVER SEEN.
YEAH, BUT AMERICA'S THE ONLY PLACE THAT MAKES MOVIES.


WHAT YOU'VE ALL JUST SEEN IS FOOTAGE FROM WORLD WAR TWO, WHICH RAGED FROM 1939 UNTIL 1945.

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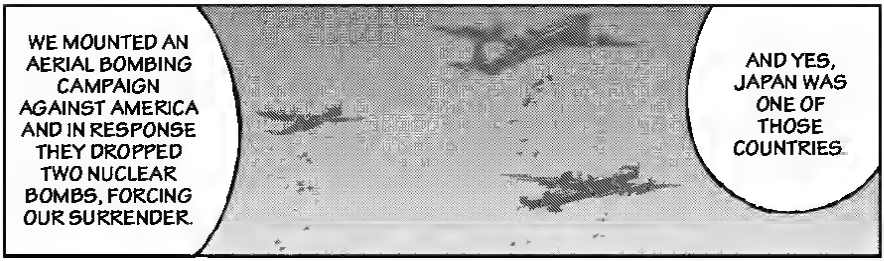
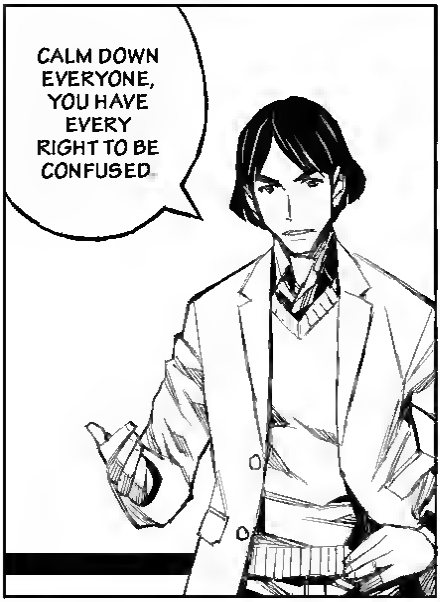
THIS IS NO WORK OF FICTION. THIS FOOTAGE COMES FROM AN ACTUAL WAR
THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY WAS DEFINED BY TWO GIGANTIC WARS THAT SPREAD ACROSS THE GLOBE.
UMM... YOU SAID WORLD WAR TWO... SO THERE WAS A WORLD WAR ONE, AS WELL?
PRECISELY.
NUMEROUS COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD TURNED INTO BATTLEFIELDS. ENTIRE CITIES WERE REDUCED TO RUBBLE.
IT'S SAID THERE WERE OVER SIXTY MILLION DEATHS IN WORLD WAR TWO ALONE.


WE MOUNTED AN AERIAL BOMBING CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICA AND IN RESPONSE THEY DROPPED TWO NUCLEAR BOMBS, FORCING OUR SURRENDER.
AND YES, JAPAN WAS ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES


CALM DOWN EVERYONE, YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE CONFUSED

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AMERICA? AS IN THE COMMON-WEALTH OF AMERICA?
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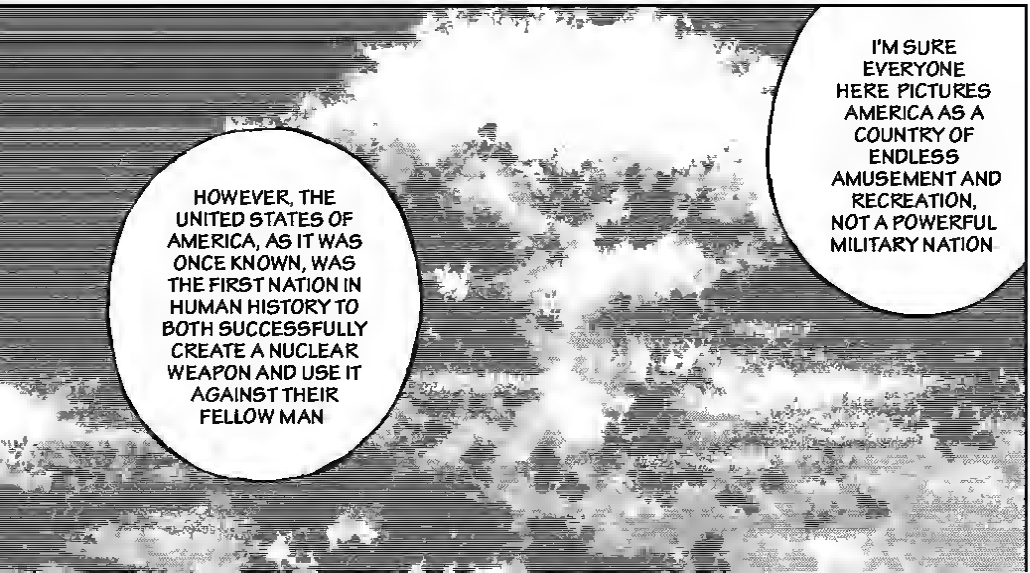
NUCLEAR WEAPONS..


I'M SURE EVERYONE HERE PICTURES AMERICA AS A COUNTRY OF ENDLESS AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION, NOT A POWERFUL MILITARY NATION
HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS IT WAS ONCE KNOWN, WAS THE FIRST NATION IN HUMAN HISTORY TO BOTH SUCCESSFULLY CREATE A NUCLEAR WEAPON AND USE IT AGAINST THEIR FELLOW MAN

OKAY...
I JUST OON'T BELIVE A WAR OF THAT SCALE COULO'VE HAPPENED IN THE 20TH CENTURY!
WAIT, IF THERE WAS A WAR GOING ON, WHAT WAS OLYMPUS DOING?!
AFTER MILLENIA OF WARRING AGAINST ITSELF, HUMANKINO FINALLY OBTAINED AN ETERNAL UTOPIA THANKS TO WHAT WE CONSIDER THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR COLLECTIVE WISDOM. OLYMPUS.
THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE SAGES, A K A. OLYMPUS, WAS FOUNDED TOWARDS THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY AS A MEANS TO PROACTIVELY SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT BREED WAR,
SUCH AS INEQUALITY, OISCRIMINATION, RELIGION, POVERTY, AND OIFFERING VALUES.

THAT IS THE VERSION OF WORLD HISTORY YOU HAVE ALL GROWN UP WITH
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED TO YOURSELVES, "HUMANS DON'T CHANGE THAT EASILY, DO THEY?"
BUT I EXPECT ALL OF YOU, WHO FOUND YOUR WAY TO THIS ISLAND, HAVE FOUND IT ODD.
"MAYBE THIS WORLD, THIS SO-CALLED 'UTOPIA...'"
"IS ALL JUST A FABRICATION SOMEONE CAME UP WITH?"

IS ALL THE DOING OF GIGANTES, CREATED BY THEIR ABILITY TO CONTROL PROBABILITY.
OLYMPUS, THIS PERVERTED UTOPIA,
YOUR INSTINCTS... ARE CORRECT.
THE MEN WHO ATTACKED OUR ISLAND YESTERDAY ARE SOLDIERS OF GIGANTES.
THEY ARE CALLED "SIXTHS," THEY FREELY CONTROL THE CRONOS HAZE, AND THEY ARE OUR ENEMIES.

AMAGIRI ISLAND EXISTS TO DESTROY THEIR WORLD.

WHY THE LONG FACE?

OKAY, SO THEY SAY GIGANTES ARE THE BAD GUYS BECAUSE THEY CONTROL THE WORLD.
BUT IF THE ONLY THING THESE SO-CALLED BAD GUYS ARE DOING IS MAINTAINING A WORLD OF PEACE, DO WE REALLY HAVE TO TAKE THEM DOWN AT ALL?
KNOW WHAT I MEAN? THE TEACHER WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW WE HAD THESE WARS WHERE TENS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE DIED.
NOT A FEW DOZEN OR EVEN A FEW HUNDRED, MILLIONS. AND ONLY 50 YEARS AGO.
HELL, I CAN BARELY BELIEVE PEOPLE WOULD EVER KILL ONE ANOTHER ON THAT SCALE.

IT WAS THE FOUNDERS OF GIGANTES WHO STOPPED THAT.
THE FIRST WAS THE LOOMING SPECTER OF ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR, WHICH YOU WOULD KNOW AS THE COMMONWEALTH OF AMERICA AND THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE.
SINCE THEN, THE WORLD'S FACED COMPLETE DESTRUCTION TWICE.
...IT'S BEEN FIFTY YEARS SINCE WORLD WAR TWO ENDED IN 1945...
AND THE SECOND TIME...
THE WORLD LITERALLY FACED COMPLETE DESTRUCTION, AND THIS TIME GIGANTES WAS THE PERPETRATOR.
SO I'M RIGHT, THEY-
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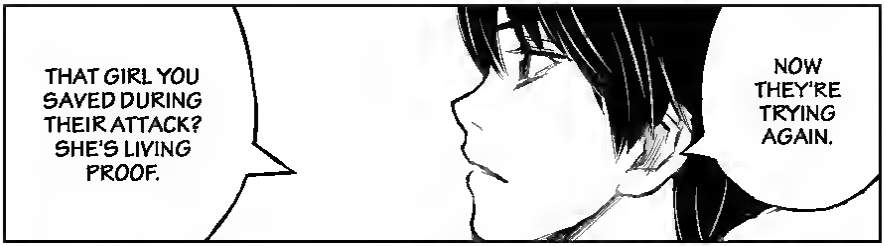
BUT WHY? IF GIGANTES SAVED THE WORLD ONCE, WHY-
MY DAD?!
THEY WERE STOPPED BY AMAGIRI ACADEMY, AND TOUICHIROU.

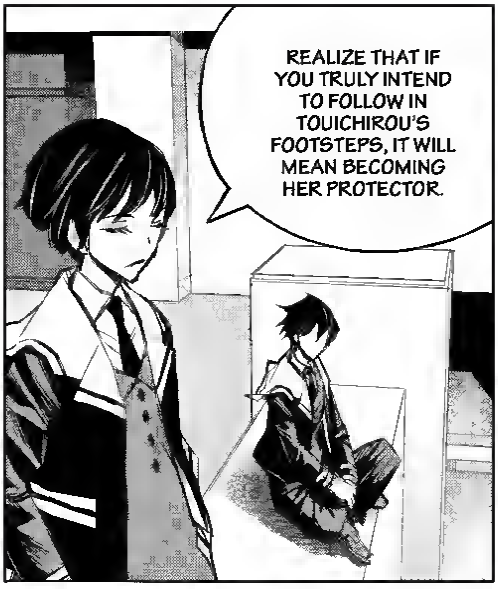
GIGANTES'S POWERS GO EVEN FURTHER... THEY ONCE USED THEM TO SAVE THE WORLD, AND ONCE TO NEARLY OBLITERATE IT...
THE POWER TO CONTROL POSSIBILITY IS THE POWER TO SHAPE THE FUTURE
I TOLD YOU A LITTLE ABOUT THE CRONOS HAZE DURING THE FIGHT WITH AKATSUKI...


THAT GIRL YOU SAVED DURING THEIR ATTACK? SHE'S LIVING PROOF.
NOW THEY'RE TRYING AGAIN.

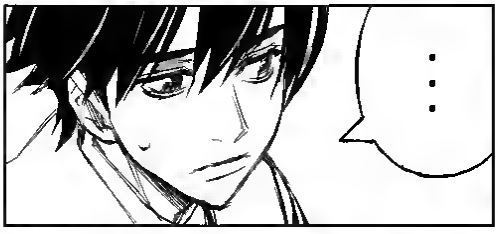
YES...

CHIZAKI-SAN?

IF OUR THEORY IS CORRECT,
SHE POSSESSES ENOUGH POWER TO DESTROY THE WORLD


REALIZE THAT IF YOU TRULY INTEND TO FOLLOW IN TOUICHIROU'S FOOTSTEPS, IT WILL MEAN BECOMING HER PROTECTOR.

IF THEY GET THEIR HANDS ON HER AGAIN, THE THREAT WILL BECOME REAL.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I'M NOT EVEN SURE HOW MUCH OF ALL THIS I REALLY BELIEVE.
THAT'S A LOT TO PROCESS, AND I...

BUT FORGET ALL THAT. THAT GIRL YOU SAVED CLEARLY HAS A THING FOR YOU.
AND TOUYA... YOU'RE NOT SOME KIND OF SPINELESS WIMP WHO'D TURN HIS BACK ON A WOMAN WHO NEEDS YOU... RIGHT?
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE YOU CAN'T JUST TELL SOMEONE, "HEY, GO SAVE THE WORLD" AND EXPECT THEM TO JUMP UP AND SHOUT "AYE AYE!"
...THE FACT THAT YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT IS PART OF WHAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL AMONGST YOUR PEERS.

I'M NOT QUALIFIED TO BE PRESIDENT, NOT AFTER I PUT EVERYONE IN DANGER LIKE THAT.
I...I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
...FORTUNATELY, ALL THE STUDENTS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE WALKED AWAY WITH THEIR LIVES.
IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME FACING A SIXTH. OF COURSE YOU WERE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD.
DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF.
YOU THINK... I CAN STILL BECOME ONE?
REGARDLESS, IF YOU LET THIS STOP YOU YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT AS AN AMAGIRI AGENT

ABSOLUTELY.
YOU'RE MUCH MORE CAPABLE THAN YOU GIVE YOURSELF CREDIT FOR.
LIKE I TELL YOU EVERY TIME OUR BODIES BECOME ONE.
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF.

THE STUDENTS BRACE THEMSELVES FOR THE TRUTH...
THE ENEMY IS FIERCE, AND THE BATTLE DRAWS NEAR.